



State of New Mexico

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2025 Legislative Session Recap: LHHS Endorsed Legislation

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Overview of 2024 LHHS Endorsed Legislation

- 29 pieces of legislation were considered for endorsement.
 - 27 pieces of legislation were endorsed (25 bills and two joint resolutions).
 - 24 of the endorsed pieces of legislation were introduced during the 2025 session:
 - eight bills passed and were signed by the governor; and
 - 16 pieces of legislation either did not pass or were not signed by the governor.

Bills Signed by the Governor

- **House Bill 54** (sponsored by Rep. Pamelya Herndon, Rep. Yanira Gurrola, Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero and Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez):
 - requires all schools in the state to install an automated external defibrillator and develop plans to respond to cardiac emergencies that occur on school grounds.
- **House Bill 56** (sponsored by Rep. Pamelya Herndon, Rep. Alan T. Martinez, Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil and Sen. Heather Berghmans):
 - requires Medicaid to reimburse birth centers at rates that are comparable to the reimbursement provided to hospitals for similar services.
- **House Bill 66** (sponsored by Rep. Pamelya Herndon):
 - increases the allowable amount of discovery costs and attorney fees in workers' compensation cases.

Bills Signed by the Governor (cont'd)

- **House Bill 117** (sponsored by Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Rep. Luis M. Terrazas, Rep. Cynthia Borrego and Sen. Elizabeth “Liz” Stefanics):
 - allows physician assistants to certify deaths; and
 - narrows the cases that are required to be referred to the state medical investigator.
- **House Bill 149** (sponsored by Rep. Michelle Paulene Abeyta, Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Rep. Charlotte Little, Sen. Linda M. López and Sen. William E. Sharer):
 - enacts the Supported Decision-Making Act, which provides a legal support process that is less invasive than guardianship or conservatorship.
 - added in its entirety to Senate Bill 535, which was signed by the governor.
- **House Bill 171** (sponsored by Rep. Jenifer Jones, Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson and Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown):
 - allows detox facilities that provide medically monitored withdrawal management to acquire, stock and maintain drugs necessary to treat withdrawal symptoms.

Bills Signed by the Governor (cont'd)

- **Senate Bill 1** (sponsored by Sen. George K. Muñoz, Sen. Elizabeth “Liz” Stefanics, Sen. Pat Woods, Sen. Jay C. Block and Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil):
 - creates the Behavioral Health Trust Fund and Behavioral Health Program Fund; and
 - provides for the transfer of \$100 million from the General Fund to the Behavioral Health Trust Fund.
- **Senate Bill 122** (sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth “Liz” Stefanics, Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary and Sen. Martin Hickey):
 - expands the state’s prescription drug donation program to allow more types of entities to donate and receive prescription drugs.

Bills Not Signed by the Governor

- **House Bill 40** (sponsored by Rep. Kathleen Cates, Rep. Charlotte Little, Rep. Eleanor Chávez and Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson):
 - would enact the Traveling with Dignity Act, which would require public buildings and buildings that house publicly funded programs to install universal adult changing stations.
 - passed through House Health and Human Services Committee (HHHC) and House Commerce and Economic Development Committee but was not heard on the House floor.
- **House Bill 55** (sponsored by Rep. Pamelya Herndon and Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez):
 - would require the Health Care Authority (HCA) to set a minimum fee schedule for the reimbursement of personal care services. Would require at least 70% of reimbursement for personal care services to be used for compensating direct care workers.
 - passed through HHHC but stalled in House Appropriations and Finance Committee (HAFC).
- **House Bill 57** (sponsored by Rep. Pamelya Herndon):
 - would give indigent victims of domestic violence a right to legal representation in legal matters related to the domestic violence.
 - was not heard in a committee.
 - House Memorial 34 requests the State Supreme Court to convene a task force to study the gaps in legal services for victims of domestic violence.

Bills Not Signed by the Governor (cont'd)

- **House Bill 58** (sponsored by Rep. Pamela Herndon and Rep. Yanira Gurrola):
 - would appropriate \$300,000 to provide suicide prevention training in public schools. Also included a \$1.75 million appropriation to support the operation of 14 mental health rooms in schools across the state.
 - passed through HHHC but stalled in HAFC.
 - \$9 million appropriated to the Department of Health (DOH) to expand suicide prevention and youth behavioral health supports in schools.
- **House Bill 74** (sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson, Rep. Kathleen Cates and Rep. Pamela Herndon):
 - would enact the Firefighter and Emergency Service Provider Peer Support Act, which would enable local and regional emergency services agencies to establish peer support programs.
 - passed through the House but did not get heard in Senate Judiciary Committee.
- **House Bill 75** (sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson, Rep. Joseph Franklin Hernandez, Rep. D. Wonda Johnson, Sen. Elizabeth “Liz” Stefanics and Sen. Linda M. López):
 - proposed a \$43 million appropriation to county and tribal health councils.
 - the DOH received a \$4 million appropriation for health councils “to transition to behavioral health supports pursuant to regional plans of the Behavioral Health Reform and Investment Act”.

Bills Not Signed by the Governor (cont'd)

- **House Bill 77** (sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson):
 - would require the HCA to develop and submit annual Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) state outreach plans to increase participation in the SNAP program.
 - vetoed by the governor with a [message](#) stating that the HCA already does extensive outreach.
- **House Bill 116** (sponsored by Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary):
 - would require the DOH to pay licensed boarding homes \$200 per month for each resident of the boarding home who was discharged from a state-run behavioral health facility.
 - passed through HHC but stalled in HAFB.
- **House Bill 152** (sponsored by Rep. Eleanor Chávez and Rep. Marianna Anaya):
 - would prevent substance use treatment facilities and juvenile correction and detention facilities from restricting the use of medication-assisted treatment for the treatment of substance use disorder in minor patients.
 - passed through HHC but stalled in HAFB.

Bills Not Signed by the Governor (cont'd)

- **House Bills 266 and 267** (sponsored by Rep. Jenifer Jones and Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson):
 - would allow physician assistants to practice either independently or under the supervision of a senior physician assistant.
 - neither bill was heard in a committee.
- **House Bill 375** (sponsored by Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Rep. Eleanor Chávez, Rep. Jenifer Jones, Rep. Kathleen Cates and Sen. Linda M. López):
 - would enact the Graduate Behavioral Health Scholarship Act to provide free graduate-level education to students studying to become behavioral health professionals.
 - passed through House Education Committee but stalled in HAFC.

Bills Not Signed by the Governor (cont'd)

- **Senate Bill 62** (sponsored by Sen. Elizabeth “Liz” Stefanics and Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson):
 - would require pharmacy benefits managers to charge a flat fee for services provided.
 - did not receive a committee hearing.
- **Senate Bill 118** (sponsored by Elizabeth “Liz” Stefanics, Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Sen. Martin Hickey and Rep. Catherine J. Cullen):
 - would require various license applications to include an option to become an organ donor.
 - substituted in Senate Tax, Business and Transportation Committee to limit the scope of the bill. The substitute bill would require the Motor Vehicle Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department to create and distribute materials that provide information on how to become an organ donor.
 - the substitute bill passed through the Senate and HHHC but did not make it out of House Taxation and Revenue Committee.

Joint Resolutions that Did Not Pass

- **House Joint Resolution 3** (sponsored by Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary, Sen. Harold Pope, Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero, Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Rep. Joseph Franklin Hernandez):
 - also known as the “Green Amendment”, which would give the people of the state “a right to clean and healthy air, water, soil and environments”.
 - passed through House Government, Elections and Indian Affairs Committee but did not make it through House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.
- **House Joint Resolution 5** (sponsored by Rep. Eleanor Chávez, Rep. Javier Martínez, Rep. Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson and Rep. Pamela Herndon):
 - would create the Children, Youth and Families Commission to manage and operate the Children, Youth and Families Department.